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Mar 18, 2003

US-PAT-NO: 6536037

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6536037 B1

TITLE: Identification of redundancies and omissions among components of a web based architecture

DATE-ISSUED: March 18, 2003

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US-CL-CURRENT: 717/151; 703/2, 709/231

ABSTRACT:

A system, method and article of manufacture are provided for conveying redundancies and omissions among components of a network framework such as a web architecture framework. First, an area of an existing network framework is determined in which redundancies and omissions exist. Next, a pictorial representation of the existing network framework is presented along with a plurality of its components. The foregoing redundancies and the omissions are then highlighted by indicia coding the components of the existing network that reside in the area. As such, a diagnostic analysis of redundant efforts and gaps in a current implementation of the existing network framework is effectively conveyed.

19 Claims, 177 Drawing figures

Exemplary Claim Number: 1

Number of Drawing Sheets: 177



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File: USPT

Feb 11, 2003

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6519571 B1
TITLE: Dynamic customer profile management

US Patent No. (1):
6519571

Detailed Description Text (2271):

Chat Capabilities in Real Time Provides public and private messages Provides
Collaborative Web touring, URL pasting Allows dynamic (public/private) room creation
Notifies users if another user is on-line Provides free form discussion area Allows
for moderated chat sessions

Detailed Description Text (2272):

Chat capabilities could be included in the content channels component of the present
invention. Note operation 2208 of FIG. 78. Such capabilities would permit
collaborative web touring and URL pasting, for such things as permitting two or more
users to simultaneously navigate the web. The invention may notify a user when
another user is online. Further, chat rooms could be dynamically created which could
restrict access to known users or could permit open public access. Moderated chat
sessions would also be allowed. Optionally, the chat capabilities could permit
posting and retrieving of public and private messages, such as on electronic
bulletin boards.



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L16: Entry 4 of 7

File: USPT

Jun 4, 2002

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6401085 B1

TITLE: Mobile communication and computing system and method

US Patent No. (1):
6401085

Brief Summary Text (2):

The present invention relates to agent based systems and more particularly to a mobile computing environment that accesses the Internet to obtain product information for a user and provides tools for collaborative computing.



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L16: Entry 5 of 7

File: USPT

Sep 18, 2001

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6292830 B1

TITLE: System for optimizing interaction among agents acting on multiple levels

US Patent No. (1):6292830Detailed Description Text (559):

This is just one example of the implications of the shift from a resource-based economy to a knowledge-based economy. In a resource-based economy much of industry is labor intensive, in contrast, a knowledge-based economy is knowledge intensive. Moreover, in a resource-based economy it is important to be near transportation and communication nodes and the location must be near resources that are consumed in creating products. In a knowledge-based economy, on the other hand, physical location is less important, particularly with the advent of the Internet and other forms of communication that allow collaboration on individuals in remote locations.

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L16: Entry 7 of 7

File: USPT

Jun 1, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5909589 A
TITLE: Internet based training

US Patent No. (1):
5909589

Detailed Description Text (6):

In addition to the Internet 50, an Intranet 60 also exists. The Intranet 60 is one variation of the Internet 50 for large organizations such as corporations and universities, which offers graphics capability and e-mail that enables collaboration as well as communication among geographically dispersed divisions. The Intranet 60 is connected to the Internet 50 via a mainframe 52. Additionally, a plurality of workstations or terminals 62 and 65 are connected to the Intranet. Thus via the Intranet 60 and the mainframe 52, the workstations or terminals 62 and 65 can access the Internet 50. The availability of Internet 50 and Intranet 60 access provides companies and large organizations the ability to distribute information more efficiently by allowing different information systems and databases to be interconnected.

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File: USPT

Oct 17, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6134548

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6134548 A

TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for advanced mobile bargain shopping

DATE-ISSUED: October 17, 2000

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ABSTRACT:

A system is disclosed that facilitates web-based comparison shopping in conventional, physical, non-web retail environments. A wireless phone or similar hand-held wireless device with Internet Protocol capability is combined with a miniature barcode reader (installed either inside the phone or on a short cable) and utilized to obtain definitive product identification by, for example, scanning a Universal Product Code (UPC) bar code from a book or other product. The wireless device transmits the definitive product identifier to a service routine (running on a Web server), which converts it to (in the case of books) its International Standard Book Number or (in the case of other products) whatever identifier is appropriate. The service routine then queries the Web to find price, shipping and availability information on the product from various Web suppliers. This information is formatted and displayed on the hand-held device's screen. The user may then use the hand-held device to place an order interactively.

17 Claims, 27 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

May 4, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5901287 A
TITLE: Information aggregation and synthesization system

US Patent No. (1):
5901287

Detailed Description Text (24):
Browsing

Detailed Description Text (30):
Users using a user access system 100 access the information aggregation and synthesization system 200 through the Internet or other public or private network. The user either logs in by name or by pseudonym or from data previously stored in the user access system 100. New users create an account on the user profile datastore 210. Previous users are identified to an existing account. The user is presented with a variety of options to create or update profile information in the user profile datastore 210. This involves a single data entry option or many mini-options based on the browsing activity.

Detailed Description Text (31):
Browsing:

Detailed Description Text (32):
The user is also presented with browsing options based on: activity from a previous session in the browsing activity datastore 240; predeveloped software text agents and personalized software text agents (developed in the Post Session Activity) stored in the Personal Search Text Agent DataStore 232; or combinations of all as well as situational opportunities developed by the user greeting subsystem 291. The user selects the search options to be used (or simply enters search criteria directly). This search criteria is used to search the index datastore 220 and a list of data sources is presented to the user for selection. The user indicates the information to be viewed. The user will also be presented with options to refine his search through the altering of search agent criteria (Search Reduction System 293).

Detailed Description Text (36):
The user interrupt system 294 will periodically notify the user of specialized software text agents that they may want to pursue. These Agents are stored in the agent datastore 230 and are derived by the real time session analysis system 295 which monitors the browsing activity datastore 240 during the user's session.

Detailed Description Text (54):
During a session or after a user discontinues use, the data viewed (recorded in the browsing activity datastore 240) is analyzed by the session profile update 2921 and the user profile datastore 210 is updated with keywords or personal search text agent datastore 232.

Detailed Description Text (56):
Periodically, the Software Text Lead Agents stored in the lead generation agent datastore 235 are used to analyze the data viewed (recorded in the browsing activity datastore 240) and reports prepared for lead purchasers using the I/O System 280.

Detailed Description Text (81):
240 Browsing Activity DataStore

Detailed Description Text (131):
240 Browsing Activity DataStore

Detailed Description Text (136):
This is the record of ads presented by the Ad/Coupon Insertion System 296 and information about the user seeing the ads from the Browsing Activity DataStore 240 and the user profile datastore 210

Detailed Description Text (138):
When a Lead Generation Agent 235 makes a match, Data about the user from the user profile datastore 210 and the Browsing Activity DataStore 240 is stored here.

Detailed Description Text (161):
This tracks and records a user's browsing activity, sets ID tokens, establishes accounts, translates anonymous users to named users and manages the user's implicit profile information.

Detailed Description Text (163):
Uses the Browsing Activity DataStore 240 records, to analyze and update the user's profile in the user profile datastore 210

Detailed Description Text (169):
This monitors the user's browsing activity and analyzes the apparent interests to trigger the user interrupt system 294.

Detailed Description Text (195):
Accordingly, when the user clicks on a URL (or types it in a browser's search request), the user will connect to the requested site through the system 200.

Detailed Description Text (208):
Browsing patterns of the user are analyzed and these patterns update profiles automatically.

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L4: Entry 1 of 1

File: USPT

Oct 26, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5974446 A

TITLE: Internet based distance learning system for communicating between server and clients wherein clients communicate with each other or with teacher using different communication techniques via common user interface

US Patent No. (1):
5974446

Brief Summary Text (9):

The present invention expands the concept of distance learning to accommodate the full and now-integrated power and flexibility of the Internet. In order to create a complete and successful distance learning system, however, more is needed than just e-mail, web browsing and video conferencing. Schools need inexpensive teaching materials and resources that can easily be integrated into a traditional classroom setting. The invention enables powerful personal networking software to bring new resources to students and teachers across the country and, indeed, around the world. Imagine, for example, a student in Iowa working with students from New York, Texas and Arizona under the guidance of a professor from Harvard. They're all trying to solve a challenging problem in which each has been given a part of the solution and specialized software to help with their analysis. Rarely does any one high school, for example, have the resources to promote teamwork and problem solving on this level.

Brief Summary Text (29):

World Wide Web browsing with bookmarks for important educational web sites

Brief Summary Text (40):

Finally, the software of the invention encourages teambuilding. One of the things lacking most from high school education is teamwork. It has always been hard for teachers to explain the fine line between collaboration and cheating. Many simply ignore the benefits of learning how to work in teams in order to avoid this issue altogether. Our system puts students from diverse geographic backgrounds together into teams and then gives them challenging problems to solve together. The benefits of learning how to function as a team, coping with the problems of distance, cultural differences, and differences in capabilities, are self-evident.

Brief Summary Text (41):

The World Wide Web is a major means of communication and information dissemination. Therefore the invention, in preferred form, provides both Netscape and the Internet Explorer with its software. All forms of text can include web pages references, which when selected will call up a web browser. In addition, a list of great educational sites broken into subject are provided, these bookmarks being included with the software and will be continuously up-dated.

Brief Summary Text (58):

the software further providing on said screen pattern, a web-browsing window tuned to a topic-specific web page; and wherein, as the user logs in, the user's personal identification and information is identified in the central server file database and the user screen topic "buttons" are customized by the server to those topics of interest selected by the user and stored in said database; and, upon the user selecting a topic "button" and there-upon generating said screen pattern, searching for all stored data on that topic; and, upon the user selecting a desired communication function mode from the "tool" box section, communicating such data from the server in the appropriate user-selected communication mode over the

Internet to the user's screen.

Detailed Description Text (19):

Upon selection of a topic button, a screen pattern is generated having four sections. First, a tool bar/or bar section TB of icon buttons that enables each user of the common topic interest group selectively to activate the different primary types of communication modes including e-mail 2, multi-media presentations 4 (integrated through web-browsing), web access 6, instantaneous (jot) messaging 8, real-time communication 10, personal information gathering 12, and custom software 14 FIG. 2; and also tools 16 for controlling, moderating and configuring the system for small size, large size, or select or special groupings and ordering interaction, and tailoring other user's perception of the software. The before-mentioned common format screen pattern for all users is shown at the bottom of FIG. 2, as implemented by said software, and it assures that every user can automatically observe every other users communications by their respective selected communication mode, synchronous or asynchronous (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, etc., above discussed), and irrespective of the particular communication mode pre-selected by a user at that time.

Detailed Description Text (22):

The screen pattern also contains a message reader section MR, displaying all email messages sent by other users along their selected communication modes interested in the same selected topic. A third section for real-time text base communication display is shown at RTT. The fourth section LU lists all users who have selected the same information topic and who are on-line, enabling cross-referencing and configuring to specific of the users known to or desired by the user with the aid of the before-described moderating and configuring tools 16--controlling those who have access to storing and editing topic-specific information and who is selected for particular groups, etc. as previously described. The web-browsing window web access 6 is tuned to topic-specific web pages.

Detailed Description Text (23):

A more detailed description of the novel software programming and system processing above-described is presented in the combined block and flow diagrams of FIGS. 3A-C. As outlined in FIG. 3A, the user station software enables establishing connection over the Internet with the central server (step A), with facility for up-dating files (B) and then presentation of the log-in screen (C). The routine for a new user-server log-in and an already subscribing user validation is outlined at (D), whereupon the opening function, such as the classroom pledge of allegiance customary in US schools, is presented (E). The main screen is then presented (F), with the user-selected topics displayed as configured from the server database as previously described, with several ancillary user options including setting the web browser, requesting help, window display for searching for others of common interest or attributes, and providing facility for the user to change his or her personal information and profile material for the server database directory--all as labeled in FIG. 3A.

Other Reference Publication (3):

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CLAIMS:

1. A method of organizing and integrating the use of a plurality of different types of Internet information and dialog communication techniques and for each of a plurality of different informational topics stored in central file server(s) interfacing through the Internet with a plurality of widely geographically separated and independent user computer stations, that comprises, storing at such central file server(s) a database containing

(1) an index of a plurality of different informational topics, and

(2) a personal information and identification directory on all the users of the plurality of user computer stations including their specific selected informational topics of interest;

storing also at such central file server(s) the files and other detailed information pertaining to each informational topic indexed in the database, providing each user computer station with similar software that generates a common type screen at each

station containing selectable buttons for personal identification and for each different information topic selected as of interest to the user; enabling said software, upon a user selecting a topic button, for thereupon generating a screen pattern of common format for each topic containing four primary selections:

- (1) a "tool" bar section of "buttons" representing different primary communications function modes including a plurality selected from the group consisting of e-mail, multi-media presentations, web-access, instantaneous messaging, real-time communication, personal information gathering, and custom software,
- (2) a message reader section displaying all e-mail messages sent by other users interested in the same informational topic,
- (3) a real-time text base communication-chatting or dialog section, and
- (4) a list of all the users who have selected the same information topic as of interest and who are currently on-line, cross-referenceable and configurable to specific of such users already known to or desired by the user;

the software further providing on said screen pattern a web-browsing window tuned to a topic-specific web page; and wherein, as the user logs in, the user's personal identification and information is identified in the central server file database and the server customizes the user screen topic buttons to those user-selected topics of interest stored in said database; and, upon the user selecting a topic button and thereupon generating said screen pattern, the server searches for all stored data on that topic; and, upon the user selecting a topic button and thereupon generating said screen pattern, causing a search for all stored data on that topic; and upon the user selecting the desired communication function mode from the "tool" box section, communicating such stored data from the server in the appropriate user-selected communication mode over the Internet to the user screens, observable by all said users.

19. A system for organizing and integrating the use of a plurality of different types of Internet information and dialog communication techniques and for each of a plurality of different informational topics stored in central file server(s) interfacing through the Internet with a plurality of widely geographically separated and independent user computer stations, the system having, in combination, central file server means containing storage means containing

- (1) an index of a plurality of different informational topics, and
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means for storing also at such central file server(s) the files and other detailed information pertaining to each informational topic indexed in the database; means for connecting the server to the Internet, each user computer station being connected to the Internet and having similar software that generates a common type screen at each station containing selectable buttons for personal user identification and for each different information topic selected as of interest to the user; means for enabling said software, upon a user selecting a topic button, for thereupon generating a screen pattern of common format for each topic containing four primary selections:

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28. The method of claim 27 wherein the different communication modes include e-mail, real time chatting, web page browsing, and off-line discussion lists.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein, for the case of a user selection of an asynchronous communication mode such as e-mail, and a communication received from another user who selected a synchronous mode such as real time chatting and web page browsing, the manner of adapting includes preparing said communication in e-mail format for the first-named user.

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Oct 26, 1999

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TITLE: Internet based distance learning system for communicating between server and clients wherein clients communicate with each other or with teacher using different communication techniques via common user interface

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Brief Summary Text (53):

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access to storing and editing topic-specific information and who is selected for particular groups, etc. as previously described. The web-browsing window web access 6 is tuned to topic-specific web pages.

CLAIMS:

1. A method of organizing and integrating the use of a plurality of different types of Internet information and dialog communication techniques and for each of a plurality of different informational topics stored in central file server(s) interfacing through the Internet with a plurality of widely geographically separated and independent user computer stations, that comprises, storing at such central file server(s) a database containing

(1) an index of a plurality of different informational topics, and

(2) a personal information and identification directory on all the users of the plurality of user computer stations including their specific selected informational topics of interest;

storing also at such central file server(s) the files and other detailed information pertaining to each informational topic indexed in the database, providing each user computer station with similar software that generates a common type screen at each station containing selectable buttons for personal user identification and for each different information topic selected as of interest to the user; enabling said software, upon a user selecting a topic button, for thereupon generating a screen pattern of common format for each topic containing four primary selections:

(1) a "tool" bar section of "buttons" representing different primary communications function modes including a plurality selected from the group consisting of e-mail, multi-media presentations, web-access, instantaneous messaging, real-time communication, personal information gathering, and custom software,

(2) a message reader section displaying all e-mail messages sent by other users interested in the same informational topic,

(3) a real-time text base communication-chatting or dialog section, and

(4) a list of all the users who have selected the same information topic as of interest and who are currently on-line, cross-referenceable and configurable to specific of such users already known to or desired by the user;

the software further providing on said screen pattern a web-browsing window tuned to a topic-specific web page; and wherein, as the user logs in, the user's personal identification and information is identified in the central server file database and the server customizes the user screen topic buttons to those user-selected topics of interest stored in said database; and, upon the user selecting a topic button and thereupon generating said screen pattern, the server searches for all stored data on that topic; and, upon the user selecting a topic button and thereupon generating said screen pattern, causing a search for all stored data on that topic; and upon the user selecting the desired communication function mode from the "tool" box section, communicating such stored data from the server in the appropriate user-selected communication mode over the Internet to the user screens, observable by all said users.

19. A system for organizing and integrating the use of a plurality of different types of Internet information and dialog communication techniques and for each of a plurality of different informational topics stored in central file server(s) interfacing through the Internet with a plurality of widely geographically separated and independent user computer stations, the system having, in combination, central file server means containing storage means containing

(1) an index of a plurality of different informational topics, and

(2) a personal information and identification directory on all the users of the plurality of user computer stations including their specific selected informational topics of interest;

means for storing also at such central file server(s) the files and other detailed information pertaining to each informational topic indexed in the database; means

for connecting the server to the Internet, each user computer station being connected to the Internet and having similar software that generates a common type screen at each station containing selectable buttons for personal user identification and for each different information topic selected as of interest to the user; means for enabling said software, upon a user selecting a topic button, for thereupon generating a screen pattern of common format for each topic containing four primary selections:

(1) a "tool" bar section of "buttons" representing different selectable primary communications function modes including a plurality selected from the group consisting of e-mail, multi-media presentations, web-access, instantaneous messaging, real-time communication, personal information gathering, and custom software,

(2) a message reader section displaying all e-mail messages sent by other users interested in the same informational topic,

(3) a real-time text base communication-chatting or dialog section, and

(4) a list of all the users who have selected the same information topic as of interest and who are currently on-line, cross-referenceable and configurable to specific of such users already known to or desired by the user;

the software further providing on said screen pattern a web-browsing window tuned to a topic-specific web page; and wherein, as the user logs in, means is provided at the server for identifying the user's personal identification and information in the database and means for thereupon customizing the user screen topic buttons to present thereon those topics of selected as of interest by the user and stored in said database; and, upon the user selecting a topic button and thereupon generating said screen pattern, means for causing a search for all stored data on that topic; and upon the user selecting the desired communication function mode from the "tool" box section, means for automatically thereupon communicating such data from the server in the appropriate user-selected communication mode over the Internet to the user screens, observable by all said users.



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TITLE: Identification of redundancies and omissions among components of a web based architecture

US Patent No. (1):6536037Detailed Description Text (2270):

Chat Capabilities in Real Time Provides public and private messages Provides
Collaborative Web touring, URL pasting Allows dynamic (public/private) room creation
Notifies users if another user is on-line Provides free form discussion area Allows
for moderated chat sessions

Detailed Description Text (2271):

Chat capabilities could be included in the content channels component of the present
invention. Note operation 2208 of FIG. 78. Such capabilities would permit
collaborative web touring and URL pasting, for such things as permitting two or more
users to simultaneously navigate the web. The invention may notify a user when
another user is online. Further, chat rooms could be dynamically created which could
restrict access to known users or could permit open public access. Moderated chat
sessions would also be allowed. Optionally, the chat capabilities could permit
posting and retrieving of public and private messages, such as on electronic
bulletin boards.